

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 are currently amended. Accordingly, claims 1-6 will remain pending in the application upon entry of the amendment presented herein.

No new matter is added. Support for the amendments can be found in the originally filed application. In particular, support for the amendment to the specification, the drawings, and claim 1 can be found at least, for example, in the paragraph spanning from page 3, line 31 to page 4, line 7 of the specification (§ [0025] as published) and original claim 5. Support for the amendments to claims 2-5 improve the grammar and provide better antecedent basis for certain phrases; support for these amendments is implicit.

Drawings

The Office Action objects to Figures 1 and 2 as lacking “[p]roper cross-sectional hatching [...] to properly denote materials.” As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that neither Figure 1 nor 2 are “cross-sectional” illustrations. Nevertheless, Applicants submit formal drawings to more clearly denote the materials therein.

The Office Action also objects to the drawings for failing to depict “every feature of the invention specified in the claims.” Applicants have amended Figure 1 to depict a power supply (5) as recited in claim 5 and make a corresponding amendment to the specification to add reference character (5).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections to the drawings.

Specification

The Office Action objects the specification and requires submission of the abstract on a separate sheet of paper. Applicants include the abstract on a separate sheet of paper in this response and respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as indefinite.

The Office Action asserts that the phrase “during the textile manufacturing stage” in claim 1 is unclear and lacks antecedent basis. In response, claim 1 is amended to recite “during manufacture of the flexible garment system.”

The Office Action also asserts that the phrases “may be” and “or” in claim 3 are indefinite. Applicants currently amend claim 3 to replace the phrase “may be” with “comprises” and to replace “or” with “and.”

Finally, the Office Action asserts that the phrase “more advanced garment system” in claim 6 is indefinite. Applicants currently amend claim 6 to remove this phrase.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,764,665 to Orban et al. (hereinafter “Orban”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Currently amended independent claim recites “at least two yarn-based power supply lines.”

Orban does not disclose “yarn-based power supply lines.” In contrast, Orban discloses a metal-coated fabric 11 and 14 powered by a copper busbar 12 and a “suitable busbar or wire 16.” See Orban, col. 3, lines 21-33.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Orban.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests early examination on the merits and allowance of the application with all claims presented herein. If a telephone conversation with Applicant’s attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application,

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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